## SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 172 West Third Street, Second Floor San Bernardino, California 92415-0302 4 5 6

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

FINDING OF GOOD CAUSE AND BLANKET WAIVER OF LIMITATIONS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA RULE OF COURT 243.20(b)

The County of San Bernardino is geographically large and diverse. The Superior Court of San Bernardino County operates numerous courthouses, many of which serve geographically distant and relatively small populations.

The Superior Court of San Bernardino County is and historically has been understaffed as to judicial officers. The Court currently has one of the highest caseloads per judge ratio in the state.

In order to deal with its ever-increasing caseload and to serve the public, the Superior Court has historically heavily relied on attorneys serving as temporary judges. This is especially true in volume calendars such as family law, unlawful detainers, small claims and traffic.

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The limitation in California Rule of Court 243.20(b) would place undue hardship on the court's ability to recruit sufficient numbers of temporary judges to adequately serve the public.

Based on the above, the Court finds there is good cause to waive the limitations in Rule 243.20 (b) 1-3. This waiver applies to all matters heard by temporary judges in San Bernardino County. This waiver is effective nunc pro tunc as of July 1, 2006 and until December 31, 2006 at which time it will be reviewed.

It is so ordered.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006

LARRY W. ALLEN

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Presiding Judge of the Superior Court